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SUBJECT: FERRARI-AGGRADI VISIT

FOR UNDERSECRETARY CASEY FROM AMBASSADOR VOLPE

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1. IN SEPARATE TELEGRAMS I HAVE REPORTED AND COMMENTED ON THE AUG 6-7 VISIT OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MARIO FERRARI-AGGRADI.

2. WHILE FERRARI-AGGRADI'S MAIN PURPOSE IS TO RESPOND TO SECRETARY BUTZ'S INVITATION, HE IS IMPORTANT AS A MAJOR ITALIAN INFLUENCE IN THE MULTI-NATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. HE IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL FIGURE OF THE DC CENTER, WHO HAS SERVED IN NUMEROUS POST-WAR GOVERNMENTS AND WHO TRACES THE LINEAGE OF HIS OWN POLITICAL THINKING DIRECTLY BACK TO DE GASPERI.

3. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU SEE HIM. AS I CABLED TO SECRETARY BUTZ YESTERDAY (REF B), THE FERRARI-AGGRADI VISIT OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OPENING THE DIALOGUE AND IMPROVING THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE KEY AREA OF US-EC AGRICULTURAL RELATIONS WHERE WE NEED ALL THE FRIENDS WE CAN GET.

4. SHOULD IT BE FEASIBLE I WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THAT FERRARI-AGGRADI SEE DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH, EVEN IF ONLY BRIEFLY. VOLPE

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